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CHAPTER VI.

THE DETECTIVE'S NARRATIVE.

The next morning a little company was gathered in the office of the sheriff. Fosdick's theory regarding Burke's death was perfected, and a few of those particularly interested were invited to come and hear his explanation. Besides Fosdick there were present the sheriff, Professor Gilman, Arnold, Dobson and General Kerr. The latter appeared to be in high spirits. At his request Chapin was brought in, remaining there under the watchfulness of an officer. Fosdick sat by a desk on which were grouped the silver handled stick belonging to Chapin, a short rod of steel and two pieces of rock or mineral, one (the larger) much darker than the other. There was also a plaster cast of part of a fractured skull. The company having found chairs, the detective said:

"Gentlemen, our friend Sheriff Estes tells me that his belief, in the guilt of Mr. Chapin is still unshaken, and" — touching the walking stick lightly with his hand—"this he believes to be the instrument with which he struck Burke. I do not agree with him, however, as you will see.

"This plaster cast is an accurate representation of the left side of Burke's skull after the blow had broken it. Its appearance indicates that but one blow, and that a heavy one, was struck. After carefully noting the size and shape of the wound, and also the shape and size of this stick handle, I was convinced that this was not the instrument used. The blood found on the handle, which seems to have had much weight with Mr. Estes, counted for but little with me. It might easily have come there in some perfectly innocent way. I was willing to accept Mr. Chapin's explanation regarding it. The very fact of blood being on it was to me rather an indication that it was not the weapon used. A guilty man would be quite certain to remove every blood stain, even the smallest.

"Another reason for supposing this not to be the weapon is that apparently there was little attempt to conceal it. It was a most clumsy concealment, if concealment was desired, for it was found lying among the rocks by the river, in plain view of any one passing along the bluffs above. It was, in fact, exactly where you would expect it to be if it had slipped over the bluff, as Mr. Chapin supposes it must have done, but exactly where you would expect it not to be if one man had killed another with it. A murderer would have been sure to throw the stick far out into the river if not using the more certain means of fire for destroying such damning evidence against him. So I dismissed all idea of this being the weapon used.

"That, however, did not necessarily remove all suspicion from Mr. Chapin though it did remove a great deal. I have a habit of chewing gum, as some of you know, and while I was engaged in this not unpleasing occupation the first afternoon of my work on this case I reflected somewhat in this manner: Suppose Mr. Chapin did leave the hotel that night angry enough to kill Burke, would he be likely to do it? Would not the very fact of his having quarreled with him serve rather as a preventive?

"Mr. Chapin is by no means a low and ignorant man. We all know that. Now, as I say, suppose he was angry enough to kill Burke, suppose the thought of killing him came into his mind, would not such a man, especially with the night wind cooling his heated temper, be apt to reason somewhat in this fashion: 'I have quarreled with Burke in the presence of numerous witnesses. If he is murdered, on whom will suspicion fall so quickly as on me? On no one. No, it will not be safe to kill him, at least not tonight.'

"Reasoning thus, I grew doubtful if Chapin would have dared to do the deed. But added to this was the circumstance of the boat being in its usual place. Assuming that Burke was murdered, the presence of the boat there indicated one of two things—first, that he had crossed the river securing his boat in the customary manner, and was afterward murdered, or, second, that if he was struck that fatal blow on the west side his slayer must subsequently have crossed the river, bringing the body with him and, after locking the boat with chain and padlock, returned the keys to the dead man's pocket, where they were afterward found.

"I am not unmindful of duplicate key theories and all that, but am deliberately rejecting them. The key and lock were, as we know, of a very unusual pattern, and the existence of a duplicate key is altogether improbable. The theory that Burke was murdered on the west side would also make necessary the assumption that the murderer drowned his victim before crossing the river with him, or in the act of crossing, because the experts say that Burke was drowned before he had time to die of his wound. To me this seemed to argue against the theory of murder, for when a man murders another it is rarely indeed that midway in his work he changes the means and method of accomplishing his purpose. These things convinced me that Chapin was not the murderer, whoever else might be. He was on the west side of the river. He had no boat, and, so far as I have been able to discover, no available means for crossing the river were at hand. No one has come forward with a story of having carried him over the river that night, as would be likely if such a thing had really occurred. We must remember that the assumption of Chapin being the murderer is based on his sudden quarrel with Burke. Between the time of that quarrel and the death of Burke there was no time for Chapin to enter into a conspiracy with a second person for murdering the man he had thus suddenly grown to feel enmity for. Without an accomplice it would have been next to impossible for him to have murdered Burke, left things as they were afterward found and been back at his boarding place at the time Mrs. Meadows saw him enter.

"Having thus rejected the idea of Chapin being the criminal, I began to consider by what other means Burke might have met his death. Were the suspicions of foul play, after all, warrantable? Might not the death of Burke have resulted from an accident? The more I considered this the more reasonable it seemed. Burke's money and other valuables were not missing. This seemed to prove conclusively that if he had been murdered the motive was not robbery. The idea that his death was attributable to an accident having once entered my mind, I was unable to dislodge it."

At this point Professor Gilman coughed a little dryly, but no one appeared to notice him, and the detective continued: "Being possessed of this idea, it remained for me to discover through what kind of accident his death occurred. I think I have made the discovery, and, gentlemen, when I have finished I believe you will agree with me that my theory is correct."

Again the professor coughed a dry little cough, and this time the detective looked at him curiously. But Professor Gilman was gazing out of the window with a faraway look, and his interest in the detective's story seemed to wander.

CHAPTER VII.

THE DETECTIVE UNFOLDS HIS THEORY.

After a moment Fosdick resumed: "I went over the ground that Burke had passed over on his way home that night. I noticed the place where a search for some missing article apparently had been made and agreed with the sheriff that Burke, probably having dropped one of the little steel rods that he had with him, had spent a few moments searching for it. Then I crossed the river to the east pier and examined the boat, with its padlock and chain, which had not been disturbed since the body of Burke was discovered. If Burke's death had resulted from an accident, as I now firmly believed, it must have occurred near the river. That was a fact admitting of no dispute. This being true, it was almost certain to have occurred either at the pier after the boat was secured or between the pier and the top of the path passing over the rocky ridge near it, for just beyond that point the path to the observatory turns eastward and does not again approach very near to the river. This little stretch of path, then, was evidently the proper place for pursuing my investigations. My early examinations there were in a measure disappointing. I found that the path passing over the ridge had on one side a precipice descending to the water. A stranger passing in the dark might easily make a misstep and plunge down into the river. That was conceivable enough. But with Burke it was different. He was as familiar with the path as with the geography of his own room. If he had been intoxicated, he might have walked off into the water, but so far as we know Burke was perfectly sober. Indeed a man who could row across the river and secure his boat properly could hardly have been too intoxicated to walk straight.

"In ascending the path Burke might have suddenly grown dizzy and fallen over. I considered this, but the more I considered it the more improbable did it seem. It would be most difficult, if not wholly impossible, for a wound in the position and of the description of that on Burke's skull to be made by the simple act of his falling off the cliff. The descent is so sheer that a man losing his balance and falling would, in all probability, strike nothing in his passage to the water below. At this time I could think of no better solution to the mystery than that, in a sudden fit of dementia, Burke, insanely dashing his head against the rocks above the path, had made the wound in his head and then toppled over into the water and drowned. I did not believe this to be a true solution, of course, though I did propose to inquire if Burke was subject to attacks of mental derangement. Happily I did not have to.

"Having examined the ground in the locality of the east pier, I went up to the observatory and talked for an hour or two with Professor Gilman and others. Among other things I learned that at half past 10 on the night of Burke's death a brilliant meteor was seen in the sky, and that so eminent an astronomer as Professor Gilman here shrewdly suspected that a meteorite had fallen in the vicinity of the river, not far from the pier. I returned to my hotel and chewed gum that afternoon. The next day I made another examination of the rocks near the pier which proved entirely satisfactory. I went to the city that afternoon, and the following morning I had a submarine diver at work under the cliff over which the path from the pier passes. The diver brought up several things of interest. This is one of them."

The detective took the slender steel rod in his hand, and holding it up to view said: "This is one of the rods that were sold to Burke the evening of his death, or, if not, it is exactly like it in every respect. There is no reason to suppose that it is not one of the very same. The presence of the steel at that spot in the river convinced me, beyond all question, that that was the point where Burke fell into the water. This dark piece of rock or mineral"—the detective lifted the larger of the two pieces as he spoke—"is, I am told by Professor Gilman, a meteorite. I was reasonably certain of it before, but his statement is all the confirmation that is needed. It is one of the things that the diver brought up from the river bed under the path on the cliff.

"Now, then, let me review some of the facts known to us. Burke said good-by to Mr. Dobson at the hotel at almost exactly 10 o'clock that evening. There is no doubt about the time, for Mr. Dobson remembers setting his watch by Burke's just before the latter left. He recalls the time with great distinctness because, he tells me, the town clock struck 10 just then, and he remarked to Burke that it was a minute fast. So we know that at almost precisely 10 Burke left the hotel. The distance from it to the west pier is about a mile. An ordinary man would walk it in 18 minutes. Burke, being something of an athlete, may have walked it in a little less time. We know he stopped to hunt for something. The evidences of this, however, would indicate that it was no very protracted search. Probably it consumed not over two minutes, or at the most not more than five. Suppose we say it took 18 minutes for him to reach the west pier, ten minutes would be about the time required for rowing across the river and two more for securing the boat at the pier and starting to ascend the path to the observatory. That would bring us to half past 10. That night Professor Gilman and Mr. Arnold and also two other observers at the observatory saw a brilliant meteor flash across the sky. The professor and Mr. Arnold, noting its course, thought it probable that a meteorite fell into or near the river not far from the east pier. Now at what time was this? Fortunately we know almost to the second. Just after the meteor disappeared Mr. Ingraham of the Ursania university was thinking of going out with Mr. Arnold to search for the meteorite that they suspected had fallen, but, upon consulting his watch, found that he had only nine minutes in which to catch the 10:40 train for the city. Thus we know that the meteorite fell at almost exactly half past 10. The spot in the river where this meteorite was found is approximately the spot where it fell, but not exactly. My examination of the rocks on the ridge, however, showed me exactly where it struck. This spot is almost directly in the path of a person coming up from the pier. We have figured out that a person was coming up at the very moment the meteorite fell. Is it unreasonable to suppose that this strange visitant from outer space struck poor Burke on the head at the instant he was passing that dangerous point in the path and that the blow knocked him off into the river?"

Professor Gilman uttered a little exclamation, but no one noticed him, for the sheriff had sprung up excitedly.

"Yes, sir," he cried, "it is unreasonable. If that thing fell out of the sky, as you assume, it could never have made the wound on Burke's skull. The wound is in the wrong place for that. In order to have it occur, Burke's left ear must have been turned toward the sky in a most unnatural manner. No, sir; that theory is knocked in the head at the start!"

"But, suppose," said the detective, quite undisturbed, "that the meteorite struck the cliff first, and then, rebounding at an angle, struck Burke on the side of the head. Surely you will not deny that that could happen. Now, as a matter of fact, the cliff shows that the meteorite did strike it at a point about as high as a man's head, for a piece of the rock there was broken off. This is it," touching lightly the smaller piece on the desk, "and it was picked up off the river bed by the diver along with the other things. Now this corner of the meteorite might have made a wound almost exactly like that in Burke's skull. At least, such is my judgment, after a very close examination of the wound and of this portion of the meteorite."

The sheriff interrupted the detective again and this time in even greater excitement than before: "There is one thing you seem to have forgotten. That meteorite must have been intensely hot when it fell, hot enough to burn human flesh and bone. But did the flesh and bone around the wound show any indications of having been burned? Certainly not. No, sir, Mr. Fosdick, you'll have to get a new theory. You can't hold that meteorite responsible for Burke's death." The sheriff paused with a flushed and triumphant look on his face.

"I thought of that, of course," said the detective calmly. "A newly fallen meteorite, superheated as it must be, would undoubtedly sear human flesh, so that traces of it would probably be discernible, even after the burned part had been submerged in water for several hours. I never for a moment believed that the meteorite made the wound. If you remember, I said that this corner of the meteorite might make a break almost exactly like that in the skull. Almost exactly, but not quite. It fits the wound pretty well, certainly much better than the handle of that stick, but it doesn't fit it quite accurately enough. Things have to be exact in matters of this sort to be of much value. Now here is a rock," picking up the fragment broken from the cliff, "that fits our wants better. This singular shaped corner fits the wound exactly, and here, gentlemen, undoubtedly is the instrument that caused the death of Burke. The meteorite struck the rock just as the doomed man was climbing the path and bounded off into the water without doing further damage itself. The fatal destructiveness lay in this piece of rock, which being broken from the solid rock with great violence was dashed against Burke's head, knocking him off the path into the river and then falling in after him. The body, borne away by the current, which at this point sets toward the opposite shore, would by the next morning be likely to reach the spot where the fishermen found it. Some water was found in Burke's lungs, enough to make the medical men believe that death occurred from drowning, yet probably not enough gained entrance before his death to make the specific gravity of the body greater than that of the water, which explains why the body floated instead of sinking.

"Gentlemen, do you think my theory is correct?"

A burst of admiration followed, and Arnold began to clap his hands. There was a singular look in Professor Gilman's eyes as he noticed this.

"Mr. Fosdick," said the sheriff enthusiastically, all his reluctance to acknowledge the professional superiority of the other disappearing, "you are a most remarkable man. Your explanation is complete and satisfactory, and this mystery, thanks to your skill as a detective, is cleared up."

CHAPTER VIII.

PROFESSOR GILMAN HAS SOMETHING TO SAY.

"Permit me to say a few words."

It was Professor Gilman who spoke. Every one present, a little startled at his tone, turned to look at him. He said:

"Mr. Fosdick is a remarkable man. I fully agree with the sheriff on that point. His theory of Burke's death is likewise remarkable, I may say almost too remarkable. Gentlemen, there probably is not one chance in a hundred million of a man meeting death in the manner just described. That fact alone makes it almost if not quite necessary to abandon such a theory, a theory which, I admit, is peculiarly fascinating. At one time its fascination lured me. I had constructed a theory substantially like the one that has just been explained and was preparing to gather evidence in support of it when I accidentally learned that Mr. Fosdick was working along the same line of thought. I came here today wishing to learn if he had followed the road to its end, but I perceive that he has stopped somewhat short of his destination. Before proceeding further I will ask you, Mr. Sheriff, to place Mr. Arnold under arrest for the murder of Burke."

Each member of the company was visibly astonished at these words. The detective had put some gum in his mouth when the professor began talking and swallowed it in his astonishment. But he did not wince, and no one noticed it. Arnold was observed to turn pale.

Professor Gilman, continuing, said: "I agree perfectly with Mr. Fosdick as to the instrument that made the wound on Burke's skull. It was undoubtedly this fragment of rock. Before Mr. Fosdick examined the ridge near the pier I had carefully scrutinized it and discovered, as he afterward did, that a piece of rock had been broken off. I marked the place with a stick, which I have no doubt Mr. Fosdick remembers having seen there afterward."

Fosdick nodded and said, "Go on." He evidently was greatly interested.

Professor Gilman resumed, and as he proceeded his usually mild manner became unusually emphatic.

"This fragment, as I say, doubtless was the instrument that made the wound, but that it was hurled at Burke by the blind and motiveless forces of nature I deny most emphatically. I do not say such a thing could not happen. It could. And there lies the allurement, the fascination of the idea. What I contend is that it wouldn't happen—not in a thousand years—nay, not in ten thousand. It is too unusual. The percentage of its probability as against its improbability is too infinitesimal. Therefore—and, I admit, with some reluctance—I rejected the theory and traveled a little further along the line of thought I had started on.

"I returned to the footprints on the road between the hotel and the west pier and asked myself: 'What was Burke searching for? Was it really a rod of steel?' One of those rods can be bought for a few cents. Their immediate need at the observatory was not urgent. Therefore, even supposing he had dropped one without noticing it—a thing really not very likely to occur—I doubted if, upon discovering the loss, he would spend any time looking for it. But if it was not the steel, what was he searching for? I could not think of anything that Burke would be likely to discover missing as he walked along in the dark. If he did not know that he had lost something, of course he would not be looking for anything. So, as in fancy I walked along with him trying to think of something he should discover missing, I found myself presently at the west pier, where the boat was secured with chain and padlock, just as he had left it earlier in the evening. Then I seemed to know, as clearly as if I had been there in fact instead of fancy, what he had lost. It was his bunch of keys, of course. When the body was discovered, they were found in his hip pocket together with a pocket handkerchief. Somewhere on the road, then, he had pulled out his handkerchief and the keys with it. His deafness doubtless prevented his hearing them rattle as they fell to the ground. The padlock was especially prized by Burke, and he would not willingly break it. Rather than do so he would walk a considerable distance. Besides, there were other keys than the one to the padlock on the ring which he would not want to lose.

"Having reached this conclusion, I obtained a wax impression of Burke's shoe heel, and went to the west pier to examine the ground. On my way I saw Mr. Fosdick's submarine diver at work and was confident I knew what he was searching for. Many footprints were in the soft clay around the landing by the time I got there, but I managed to distinguish among them those made by Burke the night of his death. I could not, however, ascertain what I wanted to in the immediate vicinity of the pier, owing to the confusion of footprints, but passing up the road a few rods I was rewarded. Among the other footprints I could distinguish those made by Burke, and lo! there were two sets of footprints going in each direction. Consequently, Burke must have gone over that road twice that night instead of once. Between the spot where the burned matches were found and the hotel there was but one set of Burke's footprints. Therefore, it was the space between the pier and the spot where the search was made that he traversed twice. It was clear that this double journey had not been made early in the evening on his way to Jackson, for at that hour it was yet light, whereas the presence of the burned matches shows that it was dark when the search was made. These facts confirmed my belief that it was his keys he had lost. Presumably Burke, conjecturing in what manner he had lost them, remembered about where he had used his handkerchief, for the evidences do not show that he hunted for any great distance along the road. The place where the search was made is about two-thirds, or perhaps three-fourths, of a mile from the west pier. Some of you may be asking yourselves: 'What has all this to do with the case? What part of Mr. Fosdick's theory does it conflict with?' I perceive, however, by the expression of Mr. Fosdick's face, that he realizes of what vast importance it is. He would tell you as I now tell you, that its importance lies in the matter of time."

Fosdick nodded, and the professor went on: "To walk from the hotel to the boat, go back to the spot where the keys were lost, make the search for them, return to the boat and cross the river, would consume much more than half an hour. We know, however, that Burke did not leave the hotel till 10 o'clock, and the meteorite was observed to fall at approximately 10:30. Therefore if after leaving Dobson at 10 o'clock Burke traversed two-thirds of the distance between the pier and the hotel twice, as the footprints prove, he could not have been on the path at the ridge and in the way of destruction by this fragment of rock at the time the meteorite fell. At that moment he must have been on the west side of the river. How then did his death occur?

"Well, in fancy I entered the boat with Burke and crossed to the east pier, and for the time being left him there. Then in fancy also I went from the observatory with Mr. Arnold in search of the meteorite, which we suspected had fallen somewhere near the pier. No one saw Arnold when he returned that night, but the next day he reported his search to have been fruitless. No trace of the meteorite had been found—that is, he said so. Well, as I say, I went forth with him in fancy, and, it is true, we did not find the meteorite, but we did find (in my fancy, please still bear in mind) a splintered piece of rock, a fragment that the meteorite had broken from the solid rock a few minutes before. Arnold picked it up, at first thinking it might be an aerolite, but a hasty examination showed him that it was not. This should be some 20 minutes after the meteorite fell and about 50 minutes after Burke left the hotel. Fifty minutes would be about the time required for Burke after going back and searching for the keys to reach the east pier. Arnold heard the approach of the boat and knew who was in it. In his hands he held the instrument that we have practically proved made the wound on Burke's head."

Here Arnold interrupted, saying: "Professor Gilman, you have no right to say that. The imaginings of your mind cannot be used as evidence against me. What you have surmised you cannot prove to be facts."

The professor did not heed the interruption, but said: "Here was a juxtaposition of men and instruments highly suggestive and worthy, I believed, of further study. Pursuing my investigations on this line, my first object was to discover if Arnold had any motive for killing Burke. He wanted Burke's position at the observatory, but that of itself seemed a wholly inadequate motive for murdering him. Almost by accident I discovered that there was another and much more powerful motive for his wishing Burke out of the way. The proof of this motive I can produce if necessary, but out of regard for Arnold's family, for Arnold himself and another person whose name I will not mention I do not wish to do so if it is not necessary. Arnold knows what I refer to, and he would be the last to wish me to expose to the public what must be exposed if his motive is explained. I repeat, however, in the presence of the murderer that I can produce the evidence, and if in the interests of justice it is necessary I shall do so. It rests with Arnold whether the exposure shall be made or not."

At this point Arnold broke into a convulsive sob. "Do not expose me, Professor Gilman, I beg of you. It will not be necessary. I confess the crime. When searching for the meteorite that night, I picked up the piece of rock, as Professor Gilman has surmised. When Burke came up the path, I was concealed by a portion of the rocky wall. From my concealment I sprang upon him, impelled by some mad demon, and struck his head with the rock. He toppled over, and without a cry fell into the water. I threw the rock in after him, believing it would never be seen again. But man may not murder his fellow being and escape discovery. Sheriff, I am your prisoner."

Later the detective asked Professor Gilman if he would not tell him what Arnold's motive was. The professor shook his head. "You must not ask me," he said. Then, smiling half sadly, he added, "But your experience must tell you that in nearly every tragedy there's a woman in the case."

"When I have finished I believe you will agree with me."

"I will ask you, Mr. Sheriff, to place Mr. Arnold under arrest."

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PROTHONOTARY, ETC.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Prothonotary and Register and Recorder, subject to the rules of the Republican party of McKean county.

G. W. Mitchell.

Smethport, Pa., Feb. 24, 1899.

SHERIFF.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of McKean County, subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

WM. B. CLARK.

Smethport, Pa., March 3, 1899.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce me as a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff of McKean County, subject to the Republican primaries.

BYRON CRAWFORD.

Smethport, Pa., March 7, 1899.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

EDITOR MINER:—You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the nomination of District Attorney, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

JOHN P. BIKLIN.

Bradford, Pa., March 4, 1899.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

EDITOR MINER:—You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

ALBERT PETTIBONE.

Keno, Pa., July 2, 1898.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner, subject to the rules governing the Republican party of McKean county.

J. C. CARSON, JR.

Lewis Run, Pa.

We are authorized to announce that C. W. Freeman of Hamlin is a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner, subject to the rules governing the Republican party of McKean county.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

MYRAM B. GREEN.

Smethport, Pa., March 9, 1899.

EDITOR MINER:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican party of McKean county.

A. M. BOARDMAN.

Derrick City, Pa., March 15.

EDITOR MINER—You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner, subject to the Republican primaries.

WM. A. YOUNG.

Smethport, March 18, 1899.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

A. ANDERSON.

Bradford, Pa., April 11, 1899.

COURT ATTITUDE.

B. E. Ball of Kane announces himself as a candidate for County Auditor, subject to the rules governing the Republican party of McKean county.

A. L. Ostlog of Keating township announces himself as a candidate for County Auditor, subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce my name as a candidate for County Auditor, subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

JOHN W. WRIGLEY.

Kane, Pa., April 11, 1899.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce my name as a candidate for County Auditor, subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

J. CLIFTON WARD.

Port Allegany, Pa., April 26, 1899.

STATE DELEGATE.

TO THE EDITOR:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for delegate to the Republican State Convention, subject to the decision of the Republican party of McKean county, at the primaries.

MYRON MATSON.

Bradford, April 20th, 1899.

To the Editor:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for delegate to the Republican State Convention, subject to the decision of the Republican party of McKean county, at the primaries.

J. W. BOOTON.

Smethport, April 20th, 1899.

CALL FOR REPUBLICAN CAUCUSES.

The Republican caucuses for primary election will be held at the regular polling places in accordance with the rules of the Republican party of McKean county, on Saturday, May 6th, 1899, between the hours of 4 and 8 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination one person for Prothonotary, Register, Recorder, Clerk of Courts, etc., one person for Sheriff, for District Attorney, two persons for County Commissioners, and two new persons for County Auditors, and the said election of two persons to serve as delegates to the Republican State Convention called for the election in each election district of said county; also to elect a member of the County Committee for the ensuing year, and that the County Convention be held at the court house in Smethport on Tuesday, May 23d, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of canvassing the vote of said caucus and the election of a chairman of the County Committee for the ensuing year.

JOHN P. BIKLIN, Chairman.

A. D. GOULD, Secretary.

Bradford, Pa., April 13th, 1899.

THE Filipinos are becoming sick of Uncle Sam's style of fighting and are making peace.

THE MINER regrets very much to learn that General Gregg will not be a candidate for State Treasurer, owing to poor health. He is one of the most honorable and upright men in the State—just such a man as the Republican party stands in need of at the present time.

THE Quay papers in the State are rejoicing over the result in Bradford county. The following from the Bradford Record will show the sentiment in that county:

Pell, Schoonmaker and Waters were elected by a two to one vote, with but little over one-third the Republican vote of the county cast.

THE following is one of many like requests received by the MINER during the past two weeks:

"To the Editor, Dear Sir:—Please send me a copy of your paper with the license applications of McKean county of this year. Yours &c., ——, ——."

To those inquirers we will state that the order of court of 1898 requiring that the license applications be published in the MINER and Bradford Star was changed, so far as the MINER is concerned, in order to carry out the thrift to those this paper out.

SENATOR Governor Stone determined to name a man for Senator, which the legislature failed to do, it would have looked quite well to the country if he had selected one who had not received a vote in the legislature. There are others just as good as those who were voted for as candidates, and another selection would have kept the administration above the wrangle. Somebody may take occasion to remark that Governor Stone is not a better man for his party than the most selfish and elaborate of the array of late candidates.—DuBois Courier.

THE Austin Republican, in Potter county, which declares itself an organization paper, protests against the action of a few Quay leaders in the county holding a secret conference and picking out the men who are to be nominated for the county offices. This is the customary way of the machine. The candidates are elected in some individual interest, and the party is asked to stand by it because it is the organization. One Austin contemporary declines a heroic protest, but something more than protest is necessary to convince the people that they and not the bosses should manage these affairs.—Philadelphia Press.

SENATORS ON THE QUAY QUESTION.

Senator Thomas C. Platt, of New York, who has been quoted as the strong reliance and firm ally of Mr. Quay in the latter's aspirations to a seat in the Senate on an executive appointment, is reported in the Philadelphia Record as saying:—

"To be consistent I would have to vote against Mr. Quay. I voted against the Oregon man, Mr. Corbett, last year. The question then brought up was a broad one. It was argued that any man who had the friendship of a Governor and a following in the Legislature sufficient to prevent the election of an opposition candidate could prevent an election and then have appointment. The same arguments may be used when the Senate comes to consider the seating of Mr. Quay."

The same arguments are very certain to be used in the Quay case, as they express the exact truth. For two months before the adjournment of the recent Pennsylvania Legislature the Quay contingent knew that the election of Quay was impossible, and they protracted the deadlock for no other purpose than to prevent the election of any Senator and give Governor Stone an opportunity to appoint Quay. It is a clear case of an election being prevented in order to have the place filled by appointment, the very possibility of which has led the Senate in four successive instances to refuse a seat to an appointed Senator where a Legislature has had a chance to elect but has failed to agree on a Senator. It is a sound decision and the great considerations in its favor have been forcibly stated by Mr. Platt's former colleague, the late Senator Roscoe Conkling, as follows:—

"If it should be the established law that whenever a Legislature decided not to elect the power to fill the vacancy should revert to the Executive of the State, the Senate and all of us must see how exposed the whole process of filling seats in the Senate would become, because the Governor and his friends, by cabal, intrigue, maneuver, might so arrange that the Legislature would decide not to elect, or would fail to elect, in order that the Governor might gather to himself the power to fill the vacancy. The next Legislature might decide not to elect, and so indefinitely within the six years the executive power of a State might usurp that which the Constitution deposits with the legislative power."

If the Senate should seat Quay, and the next Legislature, like the last, shall contain a majority against him, but his supporters be strong enough to prevent no election, would Governor Stone be free after the adjournment of that Legislature to reappoint Quay for two years longer, or until 1903? We are confident the Senate will not commit itself to a policy so absurd and unrepublican as this. We are glad to note that Senator Platt was opposed to the seating of Corbett on a Governor's certificate. The Congressional Record does not show this. "On the only occasion when votes were taken on the Corbett question Mr. Platt was absent, paired with his colleague, Mr. Murphy, who announced that he was opposed to seating Corbett, so that Mr. Platt appears as if paired in his favor. If Mr. Platt is correctly quoted the great majority against Corbett should have been even larger than the Record shows.

The Senators who are quoted so free ly as in favor of seating Mr. Quay were all of them, excepting Mr. Penrose, in favor of seating Corbett, but were badly beaten. Senator Hanna was one of this minority. Another of them is Senator Chandler, who says that he will vote for Quay, but adds that he does not believe he will be seated. Senator Frye announces that he will vote for Quay, as he has twice voted for seating Senators on Governor's appointments after a Legislative deadlock, but was both times in a minority. His will be again in a minority when the question comes up, for thus far only one Senator, Pearcer, of the two thirds majority recorded against seating Senators with credentials such as Quay possesses, has announced any change of opinion or purpose on this important question.—Philadelphia Press.

THE removal of Maj. John C. Delaney from the position of Superintendent of Public Grounds at Harrisburg, which was recently effected, has been anticipated for some time past. It may be considered good politics on the part of the "powers that be" to replace him with Larry Eyre of Center county. A good many people, who have been familiar with the running of the party machine for the past quarter of a century, and who know both men thoroughly, are out of that opinion.—Kane Republican.

There should be no explanation of the above article required. When men of the type of Major Delaney, who in 1861 and '65 bared their breasts that not a star should be lost from the banner of the free, are compelled to surrender their places at the State capitol to give way to men of the type of Mr. Eyre it is carrying matters too far. Major Delaney may differ with Governor Stone in the mode of catering to bosses in the State, but he is a true soldier and a hero and should receive some consideration and not be fired out to give place to Mr. Eyre who did not consider it below his station last fall, while attached to the State committee, to write letters to different sections of the State urging the appointment of John P. Elkins to the position of Attorney General of the State, and whose nomination required five Democrats to confirm. That is the type of men who are receiving their reward from Governor Stone by taking the places of such brave men as Major Delaney. It does not seem to make a particle of difference how much honorable service a man has rendered the State of Pennsylvania, if he does not bow down and worship at the shrine of the boss off comes his head.

OUR hopes are dashed to the earth once more. Quay, it is alleged, has selected Judge Archibald of Scranton to be the stated candidate for the Supreme bench. This is not treating McKean county fairly after having selected candidates for State delegates. But there will be several other favored sons who will have delegates on their hands and find themselves unable to make a deal.

Many old soldiers now feel the effects of the hard service they endured during the war. Mr. Geo. S. Anderson, of Roseville, York county, Penn., who saw the hardest kind of service at the front, is now frequently troubled with rheumatism. "I had a severe attack lately," he says, "and procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It did so much good that I would like to know what you would charge me for a dozen bottles." Mr. Anderson wanted it both for his own use and to supply it to his friends and neighbors, as every family should have a bottle of it in their home, not only for rheumatism, but lame back, sprains, swellings, cuts, bruises and burns for which it is unequalled. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Reduced Rates to Harrisburg.

On account of the unveiling of the Hartranft Monument at Harrisburg, Pa., May 12, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged to sell excursion tickets from all stations on its line in the State of Pennsylvania, to Harrisburg and return, at rate of single fare for the round trip, minimum rate twenty five cents. Tickets will be sold on May 10, 11 and 12 and will be good to return until May 13, inclusive, but will not be valid for passage on the Pennsylvania Limited.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, May 1, 1899.

Aguinaldo's supplication for peace came so close upon the declaration of President McKinley that the revolt should be put down no matter how much money it cost nor how many men it might require to convince even the most doubting that the Filipinos had been kept informed of everything done in this country, and have acted upon the information. Had they not received encouragement from this country, which caused them to believe that there was a possibility of our withdrawing from the islands, if they fought stubbornly enough, there would never have been any revolt. The action of Gen. Otis in telling the representatives of Aguinaldo that the only conditions under which he would stop fighting were to grant a general amnesty for an unconditional surrender, is so fully indorsed by the administration that no orders have been sent to him. It is felt that he has correctly sized up the situation and can be left to deal with the Filipinos without further instructions. Besides, the other American Commissioners, who are fully acquainted with President McKinley's wishes, are with him to aid in settling any questions that may arise. It is confidently expected that the Filipinos will, as soon as they understand that no better terms can be obtained, accept those offered by Gen. Otis; they are already fully convinced that nothing but defeat for them lies in fighting our soldiers. And notwithstanding their outside assistance, they are short of nearly all kinds of supplies.

Spain has authorized the French Ambassador to receive and receipt for the $20,000,000 due from this government on account of the treaty of peace and the French Ambassador has officially notified the Department of State and received four drafts on New York for $5,000,000 each as payment in full.

The 161st Indiana Volunteers, which has just been mustered out of service, passed through Washington to-day on the way home. A committee of the Indiana Republican Club met the regiment with a band, having previously arranged that the men should be allowed to stop over a day and enjoy the sight seeing programme made for them. The men thoroughly enjoyed themselves and saw as much of the National capital as it would be possible to see in a single day.

As Missouri only has three Republican representatives the State will not have as much influence in the Speakership contest as smaller States with more votes will have. Representative Joy, one of those three, said of the Speakership campaign: "The West could elect the Speaker if all the western men stood solidly together, but there has been no attempt to secure concerted action up to this time. All the candidates mentioned are excellent men and whoever is elected will do credit to the Republican party."

Secretary Gage has been offered a salary in the neighborhood of the one that tempted Speaker Reed out of public life, to become president of one of New York's big banks, but it is not likely that he will accept. He made a heavy financial sacrifice when he became Secretary of the Treasury and will probably continue in that office until March 4th, 1901, if no longer. There is little doubt that if he desires to remain in that position during President McKinley's second term the President will be pleased to have him do so. There is no man in the country better fitted by knowledge and experience to fill the arduous duties of Secretary of the Treasury than Mr. Gage. Never have the affairs of that great department of the government moved smoother than since he has been at its head, and never has the credit of the nation been higher. This is high praise, but it is deserved.

The friendly personal cable messages that have passed between the Emperor of Germany and President McKinley since the latter approved the application for the landing of the new German cable in the United States, have not pleased those who have been for months exaggerating every little occurrence, and manufacturing some, for the purpose of creating ill will between the people of the two countries, but they have served to show the world as well as the people of the two countries, that the rulers of Germany and of the United States have no idea of allowing the friendly relations of the two nations to be disturbed by sensation mongers.

Representative Wm. Alden Smith, who is chairman of the Michigan delegation in the House, is in Washington. He said: "I have no information on the Speakership contest, but I will call a meeting of the delegation before Congress assembles, so that, if possible, our delegation will be able to act as a unit in favor of someone. We have twelve votes. I have no candidate." The friends of several of the candidates are in Washington, actively at work for their favorite, but none of them are yet making any positive claims; of course all of them express confidence in the success of their men, but they are not allowing that confidence to prevent their doing somewhat hustling for votes. They all recognize that it is as yet anybody's fight.

President McKinley has the report of the Military Court of Inquiry and will probably make it public this week.

IF, as it is alleged, Chas. W. Catlin, is to be crowded out of the race for the Republican nomination for district attorney of McKean, it is only another illustration of the effect of pernicious bossism in this county. The writer has known Mr. Catlin nearly seventeen years, and during all those years he has never heard a whisper that would indicate that Mr. Catlin was not an honorable, upright and intelligent gentleman, who is in every way well qualified for the office of district attorney. This being a true statement of the situation, we believe that Mr. Catlin not only owes it to himself but to his political friends to stand as a candidate for the office which he asks, even if he does not receive a single vote at the primaries. If the bosses choose to defeat you at the caucus, Mr. Catlin, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you were defeated simply because you did not choose to bow to the power of the one man power in McKean county.—McKean Democrat.

Remarkable Success.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., states the consequent that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefitted from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles found herself sound and well; now does her own housework and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at L. K. Hogarth & Co.'s drug store. Large bottles 50c and $1.00.

Grip Treatment.

Grip can be broken up in from one to three days by the prompt use of Down's Elixir. It has done it. It will do it. Try it before pneumonia or consumption sets in. After grip, Baxter's Mandrake Bitters are nature's remedy for expelling all grip poisons from the blood, regulating the bowels, strengthening the nerves and imparting vigor to the system.

With these long-tried remedies at hand the worst case of grip can be conquered. We sell th m, and guarantee them to do so promptly, and, if necessary refund t. L. K. Hogarth & Co., H. C. Wells.

MEMORABLE WORDS.

President Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg November 19, 1863.

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Frost Coles for May.

The planetary conditions during the month of May will be very unfavorable for a successful month; as the Low Ebb vital forces will have the ruling power, and the great planets will be grouped together in evil signs. The sun has been completely enveloped in a gaseous matter during the last four weeks, without a single break, but we have reasons to believe that several breaks will occur during the present month and cause destructive storms, on sea and land. This is the first time in many years that the month of May has been reduced to Low Ebb in America, and it may cause us much trouble and sorrow. Notice the increase of storms, disasters, crimes, conflagration and social and financial difficulties that will spring up all over the country. This month may prove very unfavorable for vegetable growth; for, if a break occurs in the gaseous matter now passing over the sun during any of the Low Ebb days, then frost, sleet, snow and hail will be almost sure to follow. If a break occurs during any of the High Flood days then terrible heat will cause unprecedented electrical storms, hurricanes, cyclones, tidal waves, and great rain storms that will result in disastrous floods.

THE STORMS AND SIGNS.

When the sun is free from all obstructions it is not a difficult matter to foretell storm periods; but when the sun's rays are thrown out of their natural course, by reflecting vapors of unknown origin, it is quite impossible to give a correct forecast in full. Our Storm and Sign Calendar has all the storm periods marked upon it; but here we can give only the central periods near which the greatest dangers may be looked for: The 2nd, 5th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 19th, 22nd, 24th, 26th and 29th. There will be several awe-inspiring sun-set scenes this month, and strange appearing circles will be seen around the moon. Several meteors will fall to the earth; and earthquake shocks will be felt in America. The low lands will be troubled, with water, and the high lands with frost. Nothing less than several breaks in the gaseous matter now passing over the sun will save this country from a miniature blizzard this month.

VALUABLE INFORMATION.

All vegetable, grass, grain and flower seeds should be sown at High Flood time this month so that they may be able to withstand the coming heat and perhaps drought that will attack them during the summer months.

Avoid surgical operations on the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th, if possible, as they are the weak days—when the endurances of the human body will be least.

Half of a large onion with sugar sprinkled over the cut surface will relieve a room of all flying disease microbes within an hour's time.

Sugar sprinkled upon a wound that emits stench will destroy the scent microbes and electrify the phagocytes so that a speedy cure may result.

After hundreds of experiments we have concluded that the only way to relieve a tree of borers is to take a wire and ferret them out; because any solution strong enough to kill the grubs will kill the tree also.

Every precaution should be taken to guard your body well against the plague germs that will visit America this summer.—See our forecasts for June.

WHEN TO PLANT.

As the Low Ebb vital forces will have the ruling power this month the greatest of care should be taken in sowing all kinds of grass, grain and vegetable seeds at High Flood time; as all seeds sown at Low Ebb time will prove a failure. As there may be an excess of rain this month we wish to inform the public that we have made a thorough test of seeds sowing on rainy days, and find that seeds covered by rain will germinate much sooner, and produce a stronger growth than when covered with a harrow. The ground should be prepared in advance and the seed sowing should be done in the proper signs, whether it rains or shines.

Any one wishing our sign planting directions in full—telling when to sow all kinds of seeds, etc., and are not able to send full price (15 cents), may have the same for postage two stamps.

The best days to start incubators and to set hens will be the 5th, 8th, 11th, 15th, 24th, 25th and 29th. But remember you cannot get strong, healthy chickens from Low Ebb laid eggs.

The best days to fish (for pickerel especially) will be the 5th and 8th, next best, 10th, 15th, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 29th.

PROF. C. COLBY,
Editor Storms and Signs.

Kingston, Pa., April 17th, 1899.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia was the subject is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at L. K. Hogarth & Co.'s drug store.

Reduced Rates to Lancaster.

On account of the parade of the Knights of the Golden Eagle at Lancaster, Pa., May 9, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged to sell excursion tickets, from all stations on its line in the State of Pennsylvania, to Lancaster and return, at rate of single fare for the round trip, minimum rate twenty five cents.

Tickets will be sold on May 8 and 9, good to return until May 10, inclusive, but will not be valid for passage on the Pennsylvania Limited.

Pneumonia, la grippe, coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough readily yield to One Minute Cough Cure. Use this remedy in time and save a doctor's bill—or the undertaker's. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

The MINER and Tribune $1.25.

Subscribe for the MINER.

WHEN I located my office in Bradford—something over a year ago—I was asked the question, "how long do you intend to stay?" I replied, "25 years." "What! and do nothing but the fitting of Glasses. Opticians usually stay here about two weeks. Do you think there is business enough for an Optician here all the time?" Certainly there is always work for a professional optician, one who has studied the science of sight. I have demonstrated this fact until to-day I have a large clientage extending to all towns in the county and this office is visited by over 200 persons a month. Permanently located. High grade work.

Electricity Reliable.

Dr. William E. Montgomery,
Professional Optician,
74 Main St., Bradford, Pa.
Opposite next to Bay State Hotel.

Cash Bargain Day,

Saturday, May 6,

At J. COLEGROVE'S

A nice line of gent's summer underwear at 45c suit.

All 50 cent overalls to-day at 45c each.

All linen toweling at 10c yd.

Bleached table linen, a bargain to-day, 25c yd.

Silk finished novelty goods for shirt waists, newest things out, 7c per yd.

Gent's and ladies' bicycle shoes $1.35 to $2.00.

Lancaster apron gingham, little higher, 6c yd.

New patterns in dress gingham, 10c yd.

Figured dress sateens, very stylish, 12½c yd.

Everything in white goods, 10 to 25c yd.

Our shirt waists are beauties and up to date.

Just try Simons vanilla and lemon extracts, 3-oz bottle pure goods, to-day 25c.

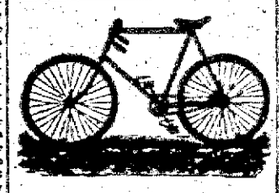
4-lb pkg Soap Foam, 14c.

Baker's premium chocolate, 40c per lb.

Those who did not get any of the Young Hyson tea at 25c lb last week can do so to-day at same price.

Just unloaded a car of Worcester salt, prices are very reasonable in barrels of 500 lbs.

J. COLEGROVE.



BICYCLE REPAIRING.

I am now prepared to do all Bicycle Repairing promptly and neatly. This season finds me at the same old stand—rear of Sprague block, on Union street—and I am better prepared to do work on short notice.

A new oven has been put in which will enable me to do first-class enameling cheaper than you can get it done out of town.

Don't wait for the season to open, but get your wheel repaired now and be ready to enjoy the first riding.

I have full line of tires and can supply all parts of wheels.

A. B. Kidder,
Fallon Street. Smethport.

BUY GOODS IN CHICAGO

Have you tried Mo. Catalogue system of buying EVERYTHING you use at Wholesale Prices? We can save you 15 to 40 per cent. on your purchases. We are new at this and will treat and do by the highest [illegible] in America, as only 2,000 clerks filling country orders exclusively, and will refund purchase price if goods don't suit you.

Our General Catalogue—1,000 pages, 18,000 illustrations, $0,000 quotations—costs us 72 cents to print and post. We will send it to you upon receipt of 15 cents, to show your good faith.

MONTGOMERY WARD & CO.
MICHIGAN AVE. AND MADISON ST.
CHICAGO.

An Ordinance

Requiring riders of bicycles, tandems and tricycles, when riding at night, on any of the streets of said borough, to be supplied with lighted bicycle lamp or lamps.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Chief Burgess and Council of the borough of Smethport, Pa., and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same, that from and after the passage of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to ride any bicycle, tandem or tricycle on any of the streets of said borough, at night, or after darkness, unless such bicycle, tandem or tricycle is provided with lighted lamp or lamps, and any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall forfeit and pay to the use of the said borough the sum of three dollars.

Passed May 1, 1899.

JAS. A. MCKEAN, President of Council.

JOHN F. ROONEY, Secretary.

Approved May 1, 1899.

LEON HOGARTH, Chief Burgess.

An Ordinance

Regulating the rate of speed at which persons may ride bicycles, tandems or tricycles on Main street, and prescribing a penalty for the violation of the provisions of this ordinance.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Chief Burgess and Town Council of the borough of Smethport, Pa., and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same, that from and after the passage of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to ride any bicycle, tandem or tricycle on Main street, in said borough, at a rate of speed exceeding six miles per hour, and any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall forfeit and pay to the use of said borough the sum of three dollars.

Passed May 1, 1899.

JAS. A. MCKEAN, President of Council.

JOHN F. ROONEY, Secretary.

Approved May 2, 1899.

LEON HOGARTH, Chief Burgess.

Charter Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT APplication will be made to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania on Wednesday, the 31st day of May, A. D. 1899, by C. H. Brown, H. A. Thompson, C. H. Williams, J. H. Holman, A. G. Fessenden and others, under the Act of General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the formation and regulation of street railway companies, approved May 11, 1901, and the several supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "The Mt. Jewett and Marvin Creek Street Railway Company," the character and object of which is the construction and operation of an electrical street railway, beginning from Mt. Jewett borough to Marvindale in Hamlin township, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights and privileges of the said Act of the Assembly and its several supplements. The proposed charter of said corporation is now on file in the office of the Secretary of the said Commonwealth.

Mt. Jewett, Pa., May 3, 1899.

DENTISTRY.

Modern, scientific and up-to-date. Painless extraction of teeth. Over 25 years' experience. Satisfaction guaranteed.

DR. F. C. PIERCE,
Smethport, Pa.

Furniture Values

are the best here. Why? Because we make it our business to know what, when and where to buy.

Prices are about the same everywhere but there's a big difference in goods. All our furniture is made special to order for us, which accounts for its lasting quality.

For the next few weeks we will sell

Children's carriages, reed body, rubber tire, brake and parasol, for	$8 75	Morris chairs, tapestry cushions, oak or mahogany frames, brass rod, special	$5.00
Oak rockers with or without arms, upholstered seats, special	2 98	Large size willow rockers, well made and finished,	$2 48 and 3.48
Oak or Mahogany finish parlor tables, large tops, special	1.75	Rococo couches, deep tufted, full length and width, special	15.00
White enamel Iron beds, Brass trim, best wove wire spring	5 50	Golden Oak chamber suites, 24 x 30 French mirror, swell front heavy carvings, extra special at	22.00
Golden Oak dining chairs, well made, cane seats, special	1.50	Others from	$13.50 to 50.00
Others as low as	.85	Oak side boards,	12 50
Porch chairs in oak, green or red	90c to 2.00		

We pack and deliver all goods free and make special low prices on large orders.

We upholster, repair and refinish all kinds of furniture. Hair mattresses to order; old ones cleaned and made over. Cushions, window seats, &c., to order.

ANDREWS & CONKLING, The House Furnishers, OLEAN, N. Y.

Some "Whoppers."

This week we can offer U a nu lot ov Shirt Waists. Tha R reg lar $1 goods but we bought them so as 2 sel them at 48c.

Also a nu lot ov ladies' N. Y. trimd hats. Thes R not cullz nor old style, nor R tha trimd by inexperienced country girls. Tha R the latest '99 styles, & tha hav not bin handld & muss'd. We do not buy goods 2 B handld, merely thro curiosity. If U wish 2 buy we can fit U. We do not hav 2 depend on hats only 2 pay our store rent & live. We sel so many lines that a small margin on each helps us out.

We sel the 6c sheeting at 5c per yd.

$4 50 work shoe, long legged, $2 65. Don't pa $3 & $3.50 for the W. L. Douglas shoe. We sell 'em at $2.25. Sum difference; don't U think so?

Boyz & Mens hats 5 to 60c. The reg 50c dress hats we sel at 25 & 20c.

U always paid 5c a cake for Dingman's Gypsy soap. We sel it to cakes 25c. Santa Claus 3 bars 25c.

Beautiful flower vases 5c to $1.50.

Mens undressed kid gloves 80c to $1.35. Thes R the finest goods in town. Envelopes 2 to 5c pkg.

5c linen fish lines for 1c. U kan't break 'em. 3 hoox 1c, not 1c each.

Clover & timothy seed $1.60 and $4.20.

3 pint Rochester copper nickld tea pot 65c. Thes goods R advancing.

Ladies' ribbed sleeveless vests 5 & 10c each; full length suits, fine, 35c.

This week we wil hav in a larg lot ov plain white dishes & our prices can't be beat.

Buy McLennan's French paint, already mixd & anyone can apply it, 35c qt or $1.25 gal.

A. E. STICKLES,
Sprague Block. Smethport, Pa.

Be Early if you would Pick Prizes.

The choicest Patterns are always to be found at the opening of the season when stocks are unbroken. The showing for spring is now at its best; our stock is complete, so now is the time to select

Your Spring Suit.

Come and See Our UNLIMITED VARIETY.
Come and See Our MATCHLESS QUALITIES.
Come and See Our UNEQUALLED MAKES.
Come and See Our SUITS for

$8.00, $8.00 and $10.00.

We pay the money back IF PURCHASE IS NOT SATISFACTORY.

H. W. Rubin & Co.
Clothiers and Merchant Tailors. Smethport, Penna.

New Stock of Shoes.

A fine collection of New Shoes of the latest styles and finest workmanship can now be seen at this store. A shoe that fits your foot at every point is the shoe you want. At this store the object is to combine comfort, beauty and neatness.

The Low Prices

which rule at this store are attracting trade. It is the talk of Smethport. I invite inspection, knowing that after you see you will buy. If you want rubber boots, overshoes, etc., I can supply you. A specialty of all kinds of repairing.

Albert Anderson,
Cellar Block. Smethport.

Charter Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT APplication will be made to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, the 10th day of May, A. D. 1899, by C. H. Lovell, Neil McKeown, George Camp, Wesley Gibson, R. Chuck and associates, for a charter of incorporation and letters patent, under the name and style of "Tuna Glass Company," the object and place of business of the said corporation is the City of McKean, for the purpose of the manufacture of window glass, glass tubing, glass jars, bottles, flasks and vials, and purchase of glass articles of merchandise or metal, under the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved the 29th day of April, A. D. 1874, and the supplements thereto.

E. E. MCCLELLAND,
Solicitor for Applicants.

INSURANCE.

Life, Fire and Accident written by

W. F. SPECHT,
SMETHPORT, PA.

Good, reliable companies

OAK CAFE.
John Cramsie, Prop'r.
Cor. Union and State Sts., Olean, N. Y.

Lilgendahl's Shop

Is a model of neatness and the means to be found here for getting out good work were never before known in Smethport.

The Blacksmithing Department

Is presided over by men of ability and experience. Bring your horse here. A thorough knowledge of horses' feet enables us to do horseshoeing in a scientific manner.

The Wagon and Paint Shops

Are attracting a great deal of attention. The excellent work done in these departments is drawing trade. Send in your order.

C. W. Lilgendahl,
Mechanic Street.

SPRING THINGS

We advertise here because we want you to know the advantage of buying important things at this store. You want to see variety, and we have it.

You save here what we save by buying in quantity. You are told what experience has taught us about quality. And many of the best lines that we handle are controlled exclusively by us in this section.

BABY CABS.

Sweet's cabs—the cabs for 15 years have held the favor of Bradford mothers. They are honest cabs, made to last. Too many cabs are made merely for show. No other cabs have

Novelty springs,
Patent brakes,
Patent parasol rods.

All styles—all prices from $6.00 up. All have rubber-tired wheels.

GO-CARTS.

For babies who sit up. They will be extensively used this season. With rubber-tired wheels—$4 50 up.

MAKING THINGS LOOK NEW.

Every help that anybody has made for housecleaning is here—many that you have never known.

All that can help you in making things look new—

Varnish stains,
Paint in small cans,
Furniture polish,
Wax for floors,
Stove, metal and silverware polish

APOLLO BURNERS—75CTS.

We sell the best incandescent gas burner for 75c. We say "best" after three years of testing.

Apollo mantles—18c.

RUBBER PAINT.

A ready mixed paint that outlasts common paint twice over. Brilliant and durable colors, 20 colors and white—$1.50 per gal.

TOILET SETS.

The largest variety shown in this section of the State. Sets at $2.75 and up, many of which cost a third more usually.

DINNERWARE BY THE PIECE.

This season we carry all grades of dinner ware in new open stock patterns. You can buy a few pieces now and more later. Complete the set as you want to. Many people in Bradford are thus buying dinner sets on installments—sets they may never have owned otherwise.

$19.50 SEWING MACHINE.

We sell a Demorest Sewing Machine for $19 50 cash. A machine with every modern improvement—a $55 style in some makes.

RELIABLE RANGES.

The range that is so conspicuously the best that nobody really doubts it. We have sold hundreds without the first complaint. The buying of a range without seeing the Reliables would be a lasting and regrettable mistake.

L. EMERY, JR., & CO.,
The Great Supply House. BRADFORD.
EMERY & WEAVER.

New Stock Spring Goods
—at store of—
D. C. YOUNG.

All the Novelties of the Season in Wool Dress Goods

Ready-to-Wear . . Apparel

HIGH VALUES AT LOW PRICES

Ladies — SUITS, SKIRTS IN DUCKS AND HOMESPUNS, NECKTIES IN LIBERTY SILKS AND MULLS, MUSLIN UNDERWEAR, SHOES, SHIRT WAISTS

Gents — HATS AND CAPS, SHIRTS, PANTS, CRAVATS, FOOTGEAR, UNDERWEAR

Little Folks — We fit them out in elegant style from head to heel.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.

Dry Goods, Groceries, Shoes,

Smethport, Pa.

Photographs . .

This has been a busy season and although the fact that the pictures I make give perfect satisfaction. When you want a good article go to the place where the most business is done.

Graphophones . .

The acme of perfection it seems has been reached in the manufacture of these machines. Come and listen free of charge. No trouble.

"IKE" BLEASON. The Photographer.

Smethport, Pa.

DO YOU KNOW

that when you are smoking an

AMERICAN GENTLEMAN CIGAR

you are receiving more real value for your money than any other ten cigar offers you?

If you DON'T KNOW get into the habit and KNOW WHY. At all first-class cigar stands.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1899.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—License court convenes next Monday.

—Creamery butter is selling at 18 cents per pound.

—Attend to the defective sidewalks and save trouble.

—Don't forget the hose boys' dance on Monday night, May 8.

—See J. Colegrove's advertisement for Saturday cash bargains.

—Mrs F. A. Mann has workmen engaged in papering her store.

—Be sure to attend the hose company's dance next Monday evening.

—Read the new advertisement of L. K. Hogarth & Co. on first page.

—It will repay you to read Bell Bros. advertisement which appears in another column

—Mr. and Mrs. John Carlson are entertaining a ten-pound boy who arrived Wednesday.

—Mrs. Kate Kidder is having a porch built on the front of her residence on Fulton street.

—There were nearly 3,000 pounds of butter made at the creamery during the month of April.

—The iron boilers in the pump station at Colegrove have been replaced by new improved steel ones.

—The little son of Dr and Mrs. E. K. Baker was baptized last Sunday morning at St. Luke's church.

—Carpenters began work last Monday morning on the new residence of Dr. J. C. Brown on Main street.

—See application for charter, in another column, for the right to build a trolley line from Mt. Jewett to Marvindale.

—Otis A. Kilburn of Galeton was elected superintendent of schools of Potter county at Coudersport on the first ballot last Tuesday.

—In a new advertisement this week R Seger & Son call attention to their new straw hats. They certainly have a large and well selected line.

—Last Monday night the large sawmill belonging to W. L. Devine of Rolfe was totally destroyed by fire. Estimated loss about $36,000; insurance about $5,000.

—Last Monday night Warley Gifford resigned from the borough council. J. F. Rooney was appointed to fill the vacancy and was made secretary of the council.

—The fixtures in the Boyd & Smith saloon in the old McCormick stand have been purchased by John Cramsie, who took possession yesterday.—Olean Times of Tuesday.

—M. L. Armstrong sold his residence on Water street some time ago to his brother, A. B. Armstrong. Last Tuesday he moved into the rooms over his jewelry store.

—If Mas Herbst comes to the front as usual this week with some remarkably low prices Be sure to read his advertisement—but of course everybody does without being told.

—J. H Stull, who has been living on C. D Comes' farm on Potato creek for the past two years, has moved his family to the house recently occupied by Wm. Lovejoy, in East Smethport.

—John Cramsie formerly of this place has purchased the Oak cafe, Olean, where he will be pleased to see those of his Smethport friends who visit that city. See card in another column

—Rev. Dr. Walker will preach on the following themes next Sunday: At 10:30 a. m., "Life; Or Vital Union with Christ." In the evening at 7:30, "Faith; The Power that Overcomes."

—The freezing out process inaugurated within the temple of justice has had the effect of considerably lowering the temperature of the weather for the past few evenings. We anticipate a frost.

—Next Wednesday, May 10, at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Ellingsfelt at Newort her daughter, Miss Ida, will be joined in wedlock to Mr. Rudolph C. Sims. The young people are very popular in Smethport. The MINER joins with their many friends here and elsewhere in wishing them a happy and contented journey through life.

—Remember how faithfully the ball boys always work to save your property from destruction by fire. Prove that their labors are appreciated by giving them a passing benefit Monday night.

—Deputy Northrup is progressing nicely with his charter list for the Modern Woodmen of America, over twenty-six of our representative citizens having affixed their names to that important document.

—The MINER received on Wednesday a very handsome pamphlet issued by the Cuban Industrial Relief Fund. It contains some very fine cuts illustrative of the people and country as left by the Spaniards.

—There will be a regular business meeting of the Baptist church at the parsonage Sunday, May 7. All members are earnestly requested to be present. By order of the church. A. D. Madison, church clerk.

—Married in East Smethport, Tuesday evening, May 2d, at the home of Station Agent A. E. Wormer by Rev. Dr. J. T. Walker, Mr. John Sheridan Jones of Franklinville, N. Y., with Miss Grace Dawley of Arcade, N. Y.

—List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending April 29: Manager Opera House, Mr John E. Smith, Amanda Swanson, Rev. B. C. Taylor. Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

—Married—At St. Mary's church, St. Marys, Pa., at 6 o'clock a. m. Tuesday morning, April 25, 1899, by Rev. P. Remigius O. S. B., Mr Jacob Singer of Smethport, Pa., and Miss Kate Colter of St. Marys.—Elk County Gazette

—The District Epworth League convention of the Williamsport District, embracing the counties of Union, Northumberland, Lycoming, Sullivan, Tioga, Potter, Clinton, Cameron and Elk, will be held at Millinburg, Pa., June 22 23.

—E. Wallace Mullin, of the law firm of Mullin & Mullin of Bradford, was seen at the station Thursday afternoon at train time. Mr. Mullin informed the Reporter correspondent that a 60-barrel well had just been shot at Galeton.—Port Allegany Reporter.

—Geo. Marion of Ulysses has contributed a thoroughbred bull dog to the Wellsville Firemen's Fair. The value of the dog is placed at $100.—Galeton Dispatch. That wonderful dog may come to Smethport, as there are quite a number of ticket holders in town.

—H. F. Cory, the bustling Corryville lumberman, was a most agreeable and welcome caller at the MINER office yesterday. Mr Cory will construct a railroad about three miles in length up Moody hollow in order to bring his large stock of logs to Potato creek.

—It is reported that a Millerton merchant was about to take out a life insurance policy a few days ago, and as he desired to make it payable to his wife, he had to hustle home to ascertain her correct name before he could fill out the application blank.—Wellsboro Agitator.

—The men who went from this borough Sunday morning to fight forest fires in the vicinity of the Kinzua bridge picked up enough of the scattered remains of Joseph B. Snawley, who was killed in a glycerine explosion on Wednesday of last week, to fill two cigar boxes.

—At the school directors' convention on Tuesday the question arose as to the area of McKean county in square miles. As no one present seemed to be able to hazard a guess, we have looked the matter up and find that McKean county has an area of 1,007 square miles, with a population in 1890 of 46,863

—The body of Mrs Sophia Rupert, who escaped from the almshouse at Williamsport on February 26th, was found in the river last Sunday. She had been adjudged insane and sent to the poor house from whence she made her escape, and no trace of her had been found until her body was discovered floating in the river.

—J. H. Tate of Clermont was in town Wednesday and reported most encouraging news from the Gaines oil field. He stated that a well was being drilled on the Losey farm which adjoins the old Tate homestead which belong to the Tate heirs. Mr. Tate may become an oil prince ere long. The MINER earnestly hopes such may be the case.

—The best curfew ordinance, says an exchange, is one that is adopted in each family where the "old man" acts as mayor and town council, night watch and calaboose keeper; where fine and punishment go together and a good hickory stick is more to be feared than so much lollypop. There are many fathers who cannot fill one of these offices, let alone the number mentioned above

—A benefit dance will be given by Smethport Hose Co, No. 1, at the hose house on Fulton street next Monday evening, May 8. Klingensmith's orchestra of Bradford has been engaged to furnish the music and the tickets are only one dollar, with supper at fifty cents per couple. Every man in town should show his appreciation of our efficient fire department by buying a ticket whether he attends or not.

—The MINER has received from Mrs. Hilda Chase a list of those who so generously contributed money to be used toward replacing the home of Geo. Near which was burned some time ago. Mrs. Chase has succeeded in collecting $156.75 and the energy she displayed in this act of kindness is very commendable. As true charity ever shrinks from publicity we believe we are justified in withholding the publication of the list.

—At St. Luke's church on next Sunday the services will be at 10 and 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Tours' complete communion service will be sung at 10:30 a. m. In the evening there will be a full choral service and a selection of anthems, including Mozart's "Gloria" from the "Twelfth Mass." On Thursday—Ascension Day—there will be a choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a. m. and evensong at 7:30 o'clock.

—One day this week as Rev. P. W. O'Brien was driving one of E. T. Daly's horses near Mt. Alton a snake which he was crossing gave way and the horse's hind legs went into what is known as tar. This tar is of such consistence that it is impossible to remove it and the suffering of the poor horse must be intense. A suit for damages will very likely follow, as the horse is considered worthless by those who have seen him. The supervisors should fix this place to avoid a like occurrence.

—The Bradford Era of Wednesday says: Messrs. C. V. Merrick, J. C. McKenna, G. A. Bodine, T. F. Connelly, F. P. Holley, E. L. Ervin, A. A. Crawford, Fred Silberberg and Dr. F. W. Winger will leave to-day for Clarion county on a fishing expedition. Mr. McKenna's private car and a couple of box cars will be used as "living rooms" while the party is on the trip. The cars will be side-tracked near a famous trout stream in Clarion county and left there until the fishermen are ready to return home. A cook and several wagon loads of provisions will be taken from this city. It is expected that all previous records made by Bradford anglers will be laid away upon the shelf by the feats of the piscatorial artists who compose the party.

—Thomas Griffin, an employe of the Bradford City Glass company, was found at an early hour Saturday morning lying prostrated upon an embankment on Corydon street extension, Bradford, in an unconscious condition. He was removed to the hospital where an examination disclosed the fact that he was suffering from a fracture of the skull. Griffin died about 8 o'clock Saturday night without regaining consciousness. Coroner Sherman empaneled a jury and after hearing the testimony of several witnesses the inquest was adjourned until next Monday.

—H. W Church of the Hotel Imperial, Olean, chaperoned a fishing party up one of our trout streams recently. They made the most phenominal catch of the season and report that the "speckled beauties abounded in profusion." The denizens of the surrounding country were invited into their camp to partake of a feast that would have made the eyes of the famous Izaak Walton glisten like the stars of the milky way. Mr. Church and party are certainly very successful fishermen, as they had the best catch that has been taken from our streams in many years.

—While at Mt. Alton last week the writer noticed a smile of good humor on the face of M. S Geary. A little inquiry elicited the information that on Wednesday, April 12, he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Lynch of Oil City. The ceremony took place at St. Joseph's church in Oil City and was performed by Rt. Rev. Father Sheridan. The bride was formerly a resident of Mt. Alton and is an accomplished and popular young lady. Mr Geary is one of the solid young business men of this county. The MINER unites with a host of friends in wishing them unalloyed happiness.

—Among the school directors who attended the convention at Smethport Tuesday was J. O Liddell of Westmore township. During the wait for the train at Grassby, the conversation turned upon who was the oldest school director, from the point of the number of years served, when the fact was brought out that Mr. Liddell had served on the school board for 36 years, which no doubt is the longest any one of the school directors of McKean county has served any one district. Besides this he has a record of being one of the most faithful officials the board has ever had. This is a pretty good record and the Republican is pleased to note the fact and give it publicity.—Kane Republican.

—Thursday morning a crew of engineers began the work of locating the line of the proposed road between Mt. Jewett and Kane. The new road, if built, will leave the line of the Mead Run railroad at a point about one mile west of Mt. Jewett, just east of the long trestle on the P. & W., and parallel that road the entire distance to Kane. The right of way has been secured and the location from the point of starting for a distance of 1,300 feet west of the trestle has already been established, and a crew of 25 men was set to work yesterday morning grading the line for that distance. Elisha K. Kane, who is personally responsible for the construction of the above section, has determined to complete same and has offered to lay a third rail and allow the P. & W. the right to use the road at a nominal rental, as an avenue of escape from the trestle above mentioned, the safety of which has been seriously questioned for several years past.—Mt. Jewett Herald.

THE NATIONAL GAME.

St. Louis still leads the bunch in the National League, with Philadelphia a good second. Both teams are playing beyond their real strength, however, and are soon due to take a drop. The standing of the clubs including Wednesday's games follows:

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
St. Louis	11	3	.785	Baltimore	9	8	.529
Philadelphia	11	5	.687	Louisville	7	8	.466
Brooklyn	10	6	.625	New York	5	9	.357
Chicago	10	6	.625	Pittsburg	4	9	.307
Boston	9	7	.562	Washington	4	12	.250
Cincinnati	7	9	.538	Cleveland	3	10	.230

What a superlative aggregation of base ball stiffs Fuller must have fallen in with at Dayton! In the opening game with Grand Rapids on Monday nine errors were made behind him, and he only allowed seven hits at that. It is devoutly to be hoped that this game is not a fair sample of the fielding ability of that team, as such support would demoralize any pitcher and ruin his chances of advancement. Willie is far too promising a twirler to have his aspirations spoiled by a gang of second-hand chumps.

The base ball critics who pictured Buffalo as adorning the tail end of the Western League must have commenced counting at the bottom.

Jersey Lemon, the well-known Olean football player, has been engaged to coach the Coudersport baseball club this season.

Kane will have a baseball team this season. "Babe" sasse has signed to play third base for them. Thus is a peerless outfielder spoiled to make a mediocre infielder. Waldo's place is in the outer garden, where he has no superiors in the business.

Paddy Maher, may his shadow never grow less, will cavort around second base for the Kane club this summer.

The Body Identified.

The body that was found in the Allegany river at Turtle Point Tuesday night has been identified as that of Thomas L. Sullivan, a locomotive engineer of this city. The remains will be brought to this city to-day for interment.

When Conner Sherman reached Turtle Point yesterday morning he learned that a letter addressed to Thomas L. Sullivan, Bradford, had been found on the body. He communicated with the county commissioners and clerk Weaver by telephoning the police in this city, learned that Thomas L. Sullivan resided on Cottage Row, but had not been seen for four weeks. John M. Sullivan, a brother of the missing engineer, was notified of the finding of the body and at once went to Turtle Point. He found that the body was badly decomposed, but easily recognized as the remains of his brother. The services of an undertaker were secured and the body prepared for shipment to this city.

Thomas Sullivan was an employe of the B., R. & P., but had not been working for some time on account of ill health.

Mrs Sullivan went to Smethport yesterday afternoon and while there learned that the body had been identified as that of her son. She returned home last night. The many friends of the deceased were shocked to learn of his fate. Some are of the opinion that he met with foul play.—Bradford Era, 4th inst.

I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war and have used all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found one remedy that has been a success as a cure, and that is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.—P. E GRISHAM, Gaars Mills, La. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Remember your money cheerfully refunded if goods are not as represented.

O. T. MOSES

For Sale Cheap—A second-hand Rambler bicycle, in fine condition. Call at Dr. Pierce's dental parlors.

Screen doors from 50 cents up at Mason's hardware.

Come and see Mason's 50-cent screen doors.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' CONVENTION

Supt. J. R. Myers Renominated for Another Term of Three Years at a Meeting Interesting Indeed.

Pursuant to call the school directors of McKean county assembled in convention at the court house at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and organized by selecting E. R Mayo, Esq., of the borough as chairman and Dr. C. T. Feit of Kane as secretary. Eighty directors answered to their names upon roll call, distributed among the various districts as follows: Annin township 3, Bradford township 4, Corydon township 4, Corydon township 2, Eldred township 6, Eulrel borough 6, Foster township 4, Hamilton township 2, Hamlin township 4, Kane borough 5, Keating township 3, Lafayette township 4, Liberty township 6, Norwich township 6, Otto township 4, Sergeant township 3, Smethport b rough 6, Wetmore township 4, Mt. Jewett and Port Allegany boroughs were not represented.

The first business taken up by the convention was that of fixing the salary of the county superintendent for the ensuing term. This question caused considerable discussion, and after several motions and many amendments was finally settled by placing the salary at $1,650 per annum, which is an increase of $350 over the present stipend allowed. One gentleman whose name we could not learn won our heart and caused much applause among the spectators by proposing that the salary be increased to $2,000 per year.

After the question of salary had been settled the chair announced that nominations for county superintendent and eloquent speeches were in order. Whereupon Att'y Neil C. MacEwen of Kane arose and after declaring himself incapable of making an eloquent speech proceeded to set forth the brilliant attainments and proven efficiency of the present incumbent, Prof. J. R. Myers, and ended by presenting the name of that gentleman for re-election. No other nomination was made and when the roll had been called the chair announced that Prof. J. R. Myers having received the unanimous vote of the directors present, was duly elected county superintendent for the ensuing term.

Mr. Myers was then called upon and responded in a short and sensible talk to the directors, which was well received.

On behalf of the Kane school board Mr. MacEwen offered the following resolution, which was read by the secretary:

Be it resolved by the directors of the McKean county school districts in convention assembled, this 2d day of May, A. D. 1899, that the officers of this convention do transmit to his Excellency, the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, our petition for the approval of the State appropriation for the common schools for the ensuing two years, in the following words:

To the Honorable, the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania:

Your petitioners, being the school directors of the various school districts within the superintendency of the county of McKean, do most respectfully represent—

That the tax which they are empowered to levy and collect for general school purposes has been, and is, inadequate for the maintenance of our schools in their present state of efficiency; and it has only been by the aid of the State appropriation, in addition, in many districts, to the levy of the full limit in school tax, that our schools have been put upon their present footing of usefulness, which is yet far from all that could be desired;

That if the appropriation upon which we have been used to rely be cut down, and lessened, it will be utterly impossible to fittingly discharge what we conceive to be our duty toward the children in our districts, but rather our schools must be overcrowded and the term of work shortened, thus greatly crippling our present powers and demoralizing our system for the future. In short the scaling up of this source of income will leave many of our boards of directors in an utterly helpless condition and we can only view the prospects with dismay.

We therefore most respectfully urge that your Excellency approve the appropriation made by the late legislature, trusting that some means will be found to supply the funds for the same as the need arises; but, it not, that the amounts shall still, even at some later day, come in to aid the treasuries of our respective districts. And we will ever pray, etc.

A motion that this resolution be adopted and that copies of the same be sent to Governor Stone and State Superintendent Schaeffer was unanimously carried.

There being no further business to be transacted the convention was declared adjourned sine die.

That the action of this body meets the hearty approval of the citizens of the county generally there can be no question, the only regret being that the school finances do not permit the payment of a salary adequate to the onerous duties of the county school superintendency.

Dewey Day in Elkrod

Was, notwithstanding the rain, both a surprise and a success. The attendance was large and the programme fully carried out, and was as follows:

Order of the parade: Part 1st—Dewey Banner, Citizens' Band of Duke Centre, G. A. R., Indians (aborigines of our country), Columbus (the founder), Washington (the defender), Lincoln (the savior) Dewey and Montejo (the heroes of Manila, the latter the conquered), Uncle Sam, Columbia (13 little girls dressed in white, representing purity, peace, etc.)

Part 2nd—The literary exercises were held in the U. B Church and were as follows: 1st—Music, Schools. 2d—Biographical sketch of Admiral Dewey, Miss Emma A. Ross. 3rd—Solo, Mr. Caswell. 4th—A very ably prepared paper, "Spanish American War," by Principal F. H King. 5th—Heroes and Heroines of the American Spanish War, Rev. T. W. Chandler. T. H Lavery, one of Elkrod's former citizens, now a resident of Oakdale, Pa., delivered an able speech in his humorous good style. Recitation, Selected, Miss Hattie Neill. Star Spangled Banner, by the Schools. The Band followed with some fine music.

Elkrod, though dull compared with its former life of business activity, seemed to awaken through patriotism up to its old standard of life and energy. Principal King was instrumental in preparing the program and in fact originating the idea of a Dewey Day celebration; a day long to be remembered. For a time the very hard rain seemed to cast a shadow over the prospects but the rain and clouds passed by and the entertainment passed off as though nothing had occurred to mar the expectations of the people and all seemed well satisfied with the day's results.

Whooping Cough.

I had a little boy who was nearly dead from an attack of whooping cough. My neighbors recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did not think that any medicine would help him, but after giving him a few doses of that remedy I noticed an improvement, and one bottle cured him entirely. It is the best cough medicine I ever had in the house.—J. B MOORE South Burgettstown, Pa. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

If you suffer from tenderness or fullness on the right side, pains under shoulder blade, constipation, biliousness, sick headache, and feel dull, heavy and sleepy your liver is torpid and congested. DeWitt's Little Early Risers will cure you promptly, pleasantly and permanently by removing the congestion and causing the bile ducts to open and flow naturally. They are good pills. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Burgess L. Hogarth has granted O. T. Moses a license for disposing of the bankrupt stock of imported dress goods of which he has the management.

The finest of room moulding 50 varities to select from. Call on L. Koenig Water street.

Are you going to buy a screen door? Mason has them from 50 cents up.

PERSONAL MENTION

C. M. Slagle of Eldred was in town on Tuesday.

John O. Perry of Kasson was in town on Tuesday.

L. J. Gallup of Port Allegany was in town on Tuesday.

J. H Tate of Clermont was in town on Saturday last.

J. P. Howard of Clermont had business in town this week.

F. D. Gallup paid a business visit to Mt. Jewett Wednesday.

S. E. Bell of Kane was greeting old friends in town Wednesday.

Ex-Sheriff Walter Grubb came over from Bradford on Saturday.

A. M. Bateman of Derrick City was in Smethport on Tuesday.

Nelson Holmes of Corydon attended the convention on Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. B. D Christley of Colegrove were in town on Sunday.

A. J. Martin of Jamestown was here Wednesday on his regular trip.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Moses of New York are guest at the Wright House.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moses of New York are guest at the Wright House.

Bert Rogers and Charley Brown drove over from Duke Centre yesterday.

Col. Lucius Rogers of Kane was a guest at the Wright House Monday night.

Mrs. A. N. Crandall and children of Coudersport are guests of friends in town.

Dr. E. K. Baker has been spending several days at his old home in Brookville.

Gilbert Moody of Corryville attended the school directors' convention on Tuesday.

County Treasurer J. W. Campbell of Kane was in town attending to his duties Tuesday.

James Gray of Farmers Valley was a most agreeable caller at the MINER office Tuesday.

S. J. Carlson of Port Allegany kindly remembered the MINER while in town Tuesday.

Hon. Henry Hamlin returned home Wednesday evening from a business visit to Syracuse.

Dr. F. C. Pierce, K. C. Gleason, Ray Walters and Maurice Keefer visited Olean last Sunday.

County Commissioners Davis and Hungerville transacted business in Port Allegany Wednesday.

J. E. Morrison and wife of Emporium were guests of Sup't Ryan, at the county farm, on Sunday.

J. F. Keating of Clermont was among the Sergeant township school directors present at the convention Tuesday.

Mercantile Appraiser Geo Richards of Kasson attended the convention as one of Hamlin township's directors.

E. F. Waffler, for many years a resident of Smethport, was one of Eldred township's representatives at the school director's convention.

Attorney Neil C. MacEwen, Dr. C. T. Feit, Albert Peterson and W. S. Davis were among the Kane representatives at the school directors' convention.

P. D. Stratton of Sharon, Pa., Supreme President Protected Home Circle, was in town Wednesday and addressed the members of the order in the evening.

Ex-Deputy Treasurer C. V. White, T. L. Satterwhite, A. N. Squires, A. R. Sloan, J. M. Welch and J. Dunn, school directors of Eldred borough, attended the convention on Tuesday.

N. C. Gallup, A. G. McAllister of Colegrove, J. B. Grant, A. L. Rude of Norwich, Geo. F. Bayer, F. S. Granger of Newark, were the Norwich township school directors in attendance at Tuesday's convention.

J. O. Liddell, one of Wetmore township's school directors, attended the convention Tuesday. Mr. Liddell, who is one of nature's noblemen, has a host of friends in Smethport who are always glad to see his honest face.

LAFAYETTE.

During the past week Lafayette has had the misfortune of losing three of our worthy families, and Crosby has had cause to rejoice in her gain. On Monday of last week Chas. Foster and wife moved to a sylvan retreat in the chemical belt, where they expect to remain during the summer. On the Thursday following the family of Nils Berg bade adieu to their many friends here and have in connection with A. G. Anderson (whose family left here last week) taken a job that will furnish them employment for an indefinite period. These families have for some years dwelt in our midst and we most exceedingly regret their departure.

Word was wired to the relatives here Saturday from the Kansas oil fields of the death of Chas Pendleton, from typhoid fever. The remains arrived here Monday and the funeral was held from the church at Corryville Tuesday morning. The interment took place at Port Allegany.

Mr and Mrs. Wm. Windsor drove to Clarksville Saturday evening and Sundayed at the home of their son, Frank.

E. B. Dolley, one of Port Allegany's substantial business men, was in town on Monday.

The Misses Calista and Jessie Carpenter were calling on friends in Eldred Saturday.

Mrs. Bertha Osburn returned to her home in Austin Tuesday after spending a few days at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. T. T. Carpenter.

Edward McFadden of Phelps, Pa., was in town Tuesday.

Miss Lillian Bogden of Sartwell visited Mrs. Andrew Tuesday.

Misses Freedman and Overton of Buffalo were callers in town Friday.

Attorney E. H. Mayo of Smethport was in town Friday.

Samantha's Opinion.

Well, I'm too dense to understand,
And the reason can't be seen,
Where such good folks live in the land,
Why they are so diverse,
Especially 'bout the Eastern Star
A subject in their hall,
But it 'pears they think we women are
Of no good use at all.

In other terms it's cut this way,
As you can read about,
For the Eastern Star its beauty display,
And quite this candidness out;
And all good orders, hand in hand,
Do meet and act as they should,
But their leaders seem to understand
The power of doing good.

And I moderate in wonder,
When I muse on that great day
When we all go marching under
Those gates that card the way,
And a great will there be rattled,
When we're rally round the gates,
For they'll never reckon angels
Could be skimmers in disguise.
—World-be Eastern Star.

WANTED—Back numbers of Peterson's Magazine for the year 1872 and special numbers of the same magazine from 1870 to 1876. Also the Ladies' Repository for the years 1868 '69, '70, '73 '74, '75. The original price will be paid for any of these copies at this office. 17-86

WANTED—Some person to build a house on Water or Main street, between the Wright House and the glass plant, to be occupied by myself and family. For further information inquire for W. D. at the glass plant office. 17-2t

Housekeeper Wanted—The undersigned desires to secure the services of an experienced housekeeper, age 20 to 35 years. A permanent home offered; good references required. WM. GRUBB, Smethport, Pa. 17-tf

Lost, between Smethport and Mt. Alton, a pocketbook containing quite a sum of money. A reward of $15 will be given the finder for the return of the pocketbook and contents to

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WANTED—A girl for general housework. Wages $3 to $5 00, according to ability. Apply at this office. 16-tf.

WANTED—50 bark peelers at Corryville to peel bark. Call on H. F. Cory for further particulars. 18-2

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There you heard the pretty legend, and sad
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Of the brave and daisy lover and the Indian
maid Minora
How they loved and wandered on the shores of the river's shady shores,
Happiest of Indian lovers in the days that are no more!

All day long the maiden labored, weaving baskets by the stream,
Thinking of her love, but Kabib, weaving him into her dreams
Then he came—the dusky lover the rowing of his light birch bark canoe
"Kabib!" calls she. Oman ha. "Coming coming to my own Minhaw

Ah, you might she warn in silence find her
sleep—her love is dead
Wounded in the chase her warrior in a fort
might so be said.
In the morn they find sweet Minhaw lying
silent in the stream
Near unto her lover Kabib, nevermore to
wonk and dream

Still the echoes o'er the river may be heard
each through the air
Echoes of the warrior Kabib and fair young
Minhaw the fair
All the trees repeat the whisper all the ripples murmur too
In the stream that bears their name now
hears the name Kalamazoo
Kalamazoo Telegraph

HE STAKED HIS LIFE.

"WILDCAT" SMITH'S THRILLING GAME OF SEVEN UP

The Doughty Pioneer Beat His Commercial Captor, Big Laugh at the Game and Then Risked His Life Again to Save a White Girl Captive

Old Wildcat Smith is just about the last living one of that fame in band of pioneers who drove the Indians t the mountains, killed the panthers and bears, and blazed the tracks through the trackless wilderness. He does not look like a lawyer but he has never taken, sat upon a camp stool and decided cases of the greatest importance. He does not bear any very marked resemblance to a general, but he has commanded a considerable force in battle and, while military critics might have complained that he was deficient in strategic ability none ever charged him with lack of valor. Few people would discover in his face or manner any of those traits that distinguish a duelist, but he has demonstrated that he possesses them all in an eminent degree by ordering "pistols and coffee for two" more than once. Upon one occasion he had the audacity to invite General Houston, who was at that period president of the republic, to come out and exchange shots with him. He says that the old warrior floored him by coolly making a note on a slip of paper and putting it in his desk. In answer to the enraged challenger's inquiry the general simply said Mr Smith will see the fortieth When I have killed more than 39 scoundrels who have challenged me, I will accommodate you Be patient, sir

Smith came to Texas in 1836 and served in the Texas army through all the long wars with Mexico. He was also a soldier in the great civil war and when that ended he enlisted to fight Indians and remained on the border until there were no more Comanches to shoot. He has been a man of war from his youth up and in his old age he carries a soldier's musket with a fixed bayonet, and continues to make war on all kinds of game and "varmints." He wanted to go to Cuba and when the boys insisted that he was too old and feeble he threw off his coat and challenged the whole company to fight him.

Upon one occasion Smith was captured by a roving band of Comanches, many of whom were well known to him. They frankly told him that they intended to make him run the gantlet and burn him at the stake when they reached their village on Devil river The captive had a flask of whisky which the chief took away from him. After taking several drinks the old warrior asked Smith if he could play seven up Smith proudly boasted that he could beat any man living playing that particular game. This answer appealed to just the Indian on his mettle and he at once proposed that they should halve it the side of the warpath and play for the highest stakes that mortal man ever waged on a game of chance life

Smith eagerly agreed to the proposal and they sat down under a tree and dealt the cards on a blanket The other warriors dismounted and anxiously watched the game. The chief's name was Big Laugh so called on account of a natural grin that marked his features After a short time they stood 8 to 6 and it was Smith's deal. He ran the cards off and turned a jack from the bottom. Smith had won his liberty and Big Laugh told him he might go but the Tonto had something else in view He might easily have walked away but he determined upon another attempt to warn him as a generous soul possessed of the highest courage. There was a young white girl tied to one of the ponies who was weeping in the most piteous agony

Smith coolly proposed to play another game, staking his life against the liberty of this young girl. Big Laugh was evidently pleased with the white man's courage, and after taking another drink he began to shuffle the cards The young girl was cut loose from the pony and made to stand on the blanket while the thongs for binding Smith in case he lost, were thrown at her feet Again they played a close game and at the end of a short time stood 6 all to but it was Big Laugh's deal With what awful interest that poor girl must have watched the turning of that trump! The Indian slowly dealt the cards, and, peeping at the trump a hideous grin spread all over his face

"I was sure that all was lost and was just in the act of springing at his throat, says Smith, when he turned the queen of hearts for a trump. He could not give me, of course and I held both the ace and deuce of hearts.

Big Laugh was by this time hilarious by drunk and in a most excellent good humor He not only kept his word and gave Smith and the young girl their liberty, but he furnished them two ponies and allowed Smith to take his gun. The liberated captives reached the settlement in safety where Smith's strange story would never have been credited had not the young girl borne witness that it was true. She is still living on a fine plantation on the Brazos and is the widow of no less a personage than Colonel Sam Jones, who was killed at the battle of Shiloh

"Wildcat" Smith lives in a little cabin in the woods and devotes his whole time to hunting bear and deer and sometimes smaller game.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

What He Opened On

"Brethren and sisters, began the old parson, "I shall not choose any portion for text this morning but shall preach from where I open the book and no matter where, I shall find the wrath that is to come upon the wicked, which will be cut off when they have shuffled off this mortal coil. It is now open and"—

Here the parson was interrupted by a deacon who had been asleep and hearing the words open, cut and shuffle for got himself and cried out, It is yours what did you open on?

The surprise of the good man in the pulpit was great, but the deacon collapsed when the reply came. It is open all on Kings. —Atlanta Constitution.

The Supreme Test.

"You are all right, said the doctor after he had gone through with the regulation thumping and listening with his patient. "Not a trace of heart disease. Fifteen dollars, please

The patient drew a long breath and remarked—"I am sure now I have no heart disease. If I had, I should have dropped dead when you mentioned your fee."—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

HE WAS SUPERSTITIOUS

And in Spite of His Mascot He Dropped His Big Roll.

Yes, superstition broke me, said the ex gambler as, perceiving that the next man to him had a square he crossed his fingers. I had heard of the luck that a humpback is certain to furnish so I advertised for one I got him all right and now I wish I hadn't He had a hump that was a wonder. It was two feet high at least. I took him to Europe with the intention of cleaning out the bank at Monte Carlo. Going over on the steamer I made a little money and I could see a glorious finish From London to Nice I nearly ruined my bank roll constantly rubbing it against my mascot's magnificent hump.

To make a long story short I'll just say that in spite of my humpbacked friend I dropped my roll at roulette before we had been in the Casino two hours I had just a thousand franc note left and my mascot who was as badly broken up as I was begged me to let him play that on himself I consented because I didn't see how the luck could be any worse The first crack that he made was I put a limit bet on the doz He see but when he won it I fainted By the time the doctors had brought me to he was playing velvet a foot thick and never turned a hair or winked an eyelid till the croupier announced stolid ly that the bank was broken.

I was the happiest man in the world then I guess but not for long as I came back in the steerage No I didn't lose it back In fact, I didn't get a chance for when I asked my humpback to divide he said "Not I remind ed him of how well I had treated him and begged him to at least tip me off to the secret of his success. He unbuttoned his coat loosened a few straps and tossed me over a most artistic artificial hump. That's it, he said

Ah yes Superstition has ruined many a good man. —New York Press.

LINCOLN AS A LAWYER

How the Immortal Abe Won His Early Successes at the Bar

A suit was brought in the United States court in Springfield against a citizen for an infringement of a patent right Mr Lincoln was employed to defend it. Mr Lincoln went to the most skilled architects in the city and inquired how he spent his winter evenings and received the reply If times are dull I do a methimes work. Otherwise I have no special business.

Mr Lincoln said I have a patent right case in court. I want you as a partner and I will divide fees I know nothing about mechanics—never made it a study I want you to make a list of the best working mechanisms as I don't suppose they can be purchased here I will furnish the money and you can send to Chicago or New York for them I want you to come to my house one night each week and give me instructions In a short time he had witnesses to meet him and they were thoroughly drilled

When the trial commenced Mr Lincoln put his questions at the cross examination so scientifically that many witnesses were bothered to reply When his witnesses were put on the stand so skillful were his questions that the court, the jury and the bar wondered how Abe Lincoln knew so much about mechanism His witnesses could reply promptly He gained the suit and a reputation such that Mr Lincoln was sustained in every patent right case brought into that court up to the time he went to Washington He went to Chicago St Louis Iowa Ohio Kentucky and Michigan to try patent right cases and the last word of his practice in little else —Thomas Lewis Recollections of Lincoln in Leslie's Weekly

From Welsh to Spanish

A very long time ago the British government ordered that English should be taught in Welsh schools. As a result in 1865 a colony of persecuted Welshmen fled from the British tyranny and settled in the deserts of Patagonia They met there heroes and with most magnificent courage they dared to live in a desert where not a plant would grow and where the water was brackish and the heat intense They were surrounded by wild tribes of hostile savages and made them warm friends They were invaded by a French government and became Spanish.

Through long years of want and famine they never despaired They have turned the desert into a beautiful fertile country have become rich and prosperous have extended their settlements right across South America own a paying railway and ah, larger people with wool ostrich feathers and guano skins

They left Wales to escape the tyranny of the English language and now rather than talk Welsh they prefer to die of starvation in excellent Spanish

A Famous House and Lot

An article entitled Historic Homes in Washington by Catherine Cavanagh in Munsey gives an interesting narrative of the long and complicated history of Blaine The lot on which it stood once belonged to Henry Clay who won it at a game of cards at which he was always very lucky On his wife being asked if her husband ever gambled replied What could he do, when I always worried Henry generally won After keeping the lot a short time he swapped it for a Maryland plantation that Commodore Rodgers had received from a Mediterranean prize He built the house In it once lived James K Paulding secretary of the navy under Van Buren Secretary Seward bought it and was living in it when his assassination on the night of March 14 a murder was attempted See retary of War Belknap afterward resided there and finally Mr Blaine

Bees and Their Baskets

Every bee carries his market basket round his hind legs Any one examining the body of a bee through a microscope will observe that on the hind legs of the creature there is a fringe of stiff hairs on the surface the hairs approaching each other at the tips, so as to form a sort of cage This is the bee's basket and into it after a successful journey he will cram enough pollen to last him for two or three days.

"Corpse Coins"

Corpse coins are treasured in the north of England They are the coins that have slain over the eyes of their dead By this means infection has been spread but superstition causes the custom to continue A poor collier or peasant will never think of doing anything important unless he had on his person coins that have been upon the eyes of his dead relatives.

Safe

Johnny are your people going to take you with them on that trip across the ocean

Yes sir

Aren't you afraid?

No sir Am I afraid of nothin I've been vaccinated an baptized.—Chicago Tribune

Never at Court

Countess Blimpff was never presented at court was she

No her lawyer managed to secure the divorce from the worthless fellow without it.—Philadelphia North American

If you have piles, you have them No use undergoing horrible operations that simply remove the results of the disease without disturbing the disease itself Place your confidence in DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve It has never failed to cure others it will not fail to cure you L K Hogarth & Co

By allowing the accumulations in the bowels to remain, the entire system is poisoned DeWitt's Little Early Risers regulate the bowels. Try them and you will always use them. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

FARM AND GARDEN

CABBAGE ROOT MAGGOT.

A Serious Pest—Protective Method Used by Large Growers.

The cabbage root maggot has been the cause of great loss to truckers, destroying annually a large amount not only of cabbage but of allied plants. The fly which is the source of the trouble deposits its eggs on the ground near to the stalks of cabbages turnips, radishes etc and the larvae when hatched in about ten days or less attack the rootlets and eat partially into the main root In a sketch of this trouble and methods used to combat it M Y Kains gives the following information in Farm and Fireside

The best preventive remedy in case of cabbage kale and similar large plants is tar paper cards fitting closely around the stem These may be cut from one ply tar paper with the punch shown in Fig 1 The cutting edges of this tool each of which is 1¼ inches long are arranged in the shape of half a regular hexagon with one radius.

DEVICE FOR CUTTING STEM CARDS.

which is set at the center by six other cutting edges each one third of an inch long These central cutters are upon a separate piece of steel so as to be easily removed when sharpening of the blades is necessary The little cuts allow the cards, when applied to the stem to fit more closely around it. Fig 2 shows the manner of striking off cards the dotted lines indicating where the tool is to be placed again. By having the roll of paper on a horizontal spindle (a broom handle will do) so that the paper may be readily unrolled and drawn across the cutting block below the cards may be struck off at the rate of about 300 an hour

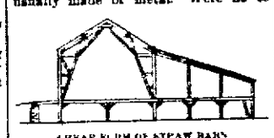
When applied to the stem the card must be made to fit snugly so that the female fly cannot crawl under it to lay her eggs on the ground. They must also be high enough up from the ground to prevent earth being accidentally thrown upon them else the maggots may work their way into the stems as easily as if they were underground and no cards were used. This method of protection which if properly applied, is absolute, costs the large growers of Wisconsin, among whom the practice is common about $1 per 1,000 plants.

Treatment of Frozen Trees

In regard to frozen trees, the Kansas station advises Trees that are killed should be removed at once from the orchard Trees that are partly top killed are weakened and deadened throughout and should be heavily cut back the extent depending upon the degree of injury In many cases it will be necessary to cut back to the main branches or even to the trunk, but where the injury is less severe the cutting may be confined to the smaller branches of the trees. Though the branches of an injured tree may not be killed it is advantageous to cut them back because the wood that is browned and deadened can never perform its life functions again It becomes as heart wood and must be inclosed by a layer of new wood. The quicker we can get this deposit of new wood the better and the more of it the better By cutting off the branches of the tree it is reduced in surface and the new wood is more rapidly deposited on the parts that remain The energy that is spent in blossoming is also saved to the tree so as to restore the tree quickly to its normal process of growth.

The Straw Barn

John L Shawver of barn building fame tells in The National Stockman something about "the straw barn The illustration gives the cheapest form of straw barn as attached to main barn and having shed roof This is the form generally adopted and provides both covered barnyard and "straw loft. The roof of straw barn will necessarily have to be with very little pitch and is usually made of metal. Were he to



CHEAP FORM OF STRAW BARN

build over again he would make the covered barnyard and straw barn in the form of a wing extending off from main barn and have gable roof making ridge same height as main barn

Those who have the covered barnyard and straw loft in any form, however are very much pleased with them and find they get double the benefit from their straw and manure and at the same time find their cattle do much better both summer and winter

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J D Bridge, editor and proprietor of the Democrat, Lancaster, N H says I would not be without One Minute Cough Cure for my boy, when troubled with a cough or cold It is the best remedy for croup I ever used L K Hogarth & Co

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A Sort of Sherlock Holmes

"Gentlemen began the proprietor of the only hotel at Beaverend Corners. I've run this here joint ten years for ten years. It's given me a first rate chance to study human nater An now in some respects I think I am a sort of Sherlock Holmes. I've had married couples come here in all stages of the matrimonial careers, from the blushing cosin things that hain't got the rice off 'em yet to the couples where the man let the woman carry most of the luggage an I tell ye, gentlemen I can tell purty straight how long a couple has been married by watchin the husband get his wife a drink of water

"Go ahead we said. "What's your discovery?

"Well, when the tender young honeymoopers come here an the feller gets the bride a drink of water if there's any left in the glass after she gets through—why he drinks it. If the couple has been married a year or so the feller will throw out the water that his wife leaves in the glass and get himself some fresh. Ain't that purty straight?

"Yes, but it doesn't go far enough. How can you tell if they've been married several years"

"Very easy very easy Then the feller not only throws out the water his wife leaves, but rinses the glass out before he gets any for himself

They Looked Alike

A prominent South Side minister relates an experience which he had the other night in a street car while he was returning home.

There was but one other passenger in the car a jovial looking man who sat in one corner with his hat pulled down to shade his eyes. The minister felt that the other man was watching him but every time he turned his eyes in that direction the passenger was looking out of the window and smiling. Finally their glances met and the pleasant looking passenger kept his eyes fixed on the minister's face, scrutinizing him carefully The minister coughed and looked embarrassed and then the other man looking a little sheepish came over and sitting down beside him extended a hand, at the same time saying

"Stranger I've been thinking that we look so much alike we'd ought to get acquainted The minister smiled and shook the hand and they soon were chatting like old friends As the stranger rose to leave the car he passed out a card saying

"Come around when you're down my way

After he had gone the minister glanced at the card and read after the man's name "Wines liquors and cigars The nearest place on the South Side. —Chicago News.

He Was Careful of His Voice

Brignoli the famous tenor was very susceptible to flattery and it is said that once in New York when the orchestra vociferously applauded one of his favorite songs he was so touched that he came down to the footlights and invited them all to a champagne supper at the Everett House The supper cost him $500

Brignoli was very careful of his voice and was terribly afraid of drafts.

It was once stated that during the winter it always took him three quarters of an hour to get from his room to the street.

First, he would on leaving his room pace the hall for ten minutes to get acclimated. He then descended to the lobby where the temperature was a little lower, and spent 20 minutes there. He then ventured to the vestibule, from which the door opened into the street. He would parade the vestibule for 15 minutes, occasionally opening the door to let in a little cold air Being now accustomed to a cool temperature he would button up his coat and sally forth —National Magazine.

A Curious Postal System

In certain parts of Sweden where the most absolute confidence is reposed in the honesty of the people, a very informal postal system is in vogue As the mail steamer reaches a landing place a man goes ashore with the letters which he places in an unlocked box on the pier Then the passerby who expects a letter opens the box turns over the letters and selects his own unquestioned by any one

A New Kind of Coal.

In a paper on the district of Newfoundland Dr Patterson says We have heard of a man who had his feet burnt by being obliged to use tobacco for fuel.—Household Words.

Mahogany is said to have been brought to England by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1595 but not to have come into general use till 1720

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The Elder Set the Best Gun

An account of the shooting match between B Bradwell and Thomas Hodgkins at Bradford on Monday last for a stake of $500 a side and the championship of the district created great interest in sporting circles and a large number of spectators assembled to witness the contest Bradwell was the favorite in the betting and he fully justified the confidence reposed in him by his backers by killing his birds in splendid style and winning the match by 24 birds to 21 Hodgkins was very unlucky in his shooting as he killed several birds which fell outside the boundary and were consequently scored against him Bradwell used a gun by Elder and Hodgkins one by Lang Both guns were loaded with 1¼ oz of shot and 4½ drs of powder Bradwell killed his birds with great ease and rapidity and was loudly cheered when he killed his last bird Hodgkins shot very steadily but was palpably nervous and shook visibly after killing his first bird Bradwell's gun was a present from Elder and Hodgkins' from Lang Bradwell's gun was a present from Elder and Hodgkins' from Lang Bradwell's gun was a present from Elder and Hodgkins' from Lang